St Laurence Church Junior School

Admissions Policy

'We seek to provide a Christian ethos and education which promotes the all round development of each child and enables them to achieve success and gain a sense of self worth'
Our admissions process is part of the Local Authority co-ordinated scheme. Application forms are available from the Local Authority. The School’s admission number is 90. If there are more applications than places available, then all applications will be considered, together and at one time, by a committee of the Governing Body.

Oversubscription Criteria
If the number of applications for a particular year group exceeds the number of places available the following criteria will be used:

1. Children looked after by a Local Authority (in line with section 22 of the Children Act) and children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).
2. Children who are in Y2 at St Laurence Church Infant School
3. Children who have a brother or sister who will still be attending either the Infant or Junior School at the date of admission.
4. Children who attend St Laurence Church, Northfield with their parent(s) for Sunday Worship.
5. Children who normally live with a parent(s) whose home is within the Parish of St Laurence Church, Northfield and whose parent(s) attend another Trinitarian Church.
6. Children who normally live with a parent(s) whose home is within the Parish of St Laurence Church, Northfield. Details of parish boundaries are available from the School Office.
7. Other children.

Notes
Children with an Education, Health & Care Plan, or a Statement of Special Educational Needs, that names St Laurence Church Junior School will be offered a place first. This will reduce the number of places available to other applicants. This is not an oversubscription criterion.

Criterion 1
A ’looked after child’ or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). In the case of previously looked after children, admission authorities may request a copy of the adoption order, residence order or special guardianship order and a letter from the local authority that last looked after the child confirming that he or she was looked after immediately prior to that order being made.

Criterion 2
A brother or sister must live at the same address and could be:
- a brother or sister sharing the same parents;
- a half-brother or half-sister, where two children share one parent; a stepbrother or stepsister, where two children are related by a parent’s marriage or civil partnership (a formal arrangement that gives same-sex couples the same legal status as married couples);
- the separate children of a couple who live together; or
- an adopted or fostered brother or sister.

Criterion 4
At least 50% attendance is required for the twelve months prior to the child’s admission. For admission to Year 3 at the start of the academic year, 50% attendance is required between 1 January and 31 December during the year before the September start date. You will be required to sign the register which is held in church. An Additional Information Form is required under this category.

Criterion 5
At least 50% attendance is required for the twelve months prior to the child’s admission. For admission at the start of the academic year, 50% attendance is required between 1 January and 31 December during the year before the September start date. A letter confirming attendance will be required. An Additional Information Form is required under this category.
If offering places within any one of the criteria would cause the admission number for the school to be exceeded, then children living nearest to the porch door of St Laurence Church will be offered a place first. Distances are measured by the Local Authority admissions system using ADDRESS-POINT®. ADDRESS-POINT provides a national grid co-ordinate and a unique reference for each postal address in Great Britain. The grid reference is provided to a resolution of 0.1 metre (10cm). The accuracy of each ADDRESS-POINT is such that each point will fall within the addressed building. If two or more applicants share the same distance to a school and a place is available the applicant to whom the place will be offered will be determined by the Local Authority by random selection.

Waiting lists are produced, in strict order of priority, against the over-subscription criteria and are managed by the Local Authority. Waiting lists are kept until the end of the Autumn term in the year of admission.

Applications, or changes to your application, received after the closing date and before the Governors’ admissions meeting will be deemed to have been made late, but will be considered if possible. Applications received after the Governors’ decision meeting will also be deemed to have been made late and will be considered after applications with the same priority that were received on time (unless there are particular circumstances which, in the opinion of the Governors, prevented you from applying earlier). If possible, places will be offered at the same school to twins, triplets and children from other multiple births. If only one place can be offered, the parent will choose which child should have the place.

The home address is the place where the child is permanently resident with his or her parents. When a child lives between two addresses, the address used for offering a school place will be where the child lives for most of the school week (Monday to Friday). Documentary evidence may be required. If care is split equally, parents can choose which address will be used.

Applications made outside the normal admission round (in-year admission) should be made directly to the school. Parents/carers can apply for a place for their child at any time and to any school. On receipt of an in-year application, the school will notify the local authority of both the application and its outcome, to allow the local authority to keep up to date with figures on the availability of school places in its area.

The Governing Body recognises its duty to comply with the Local Authority Fair Access Protocol to provide fair access to school for pupils who need a school place because they have missed, or are at risk of missing, education.

Parents who wish to appeal against the decision of the Governors to refuse their child a place in the school may appeal in writing to the Chair of Governors. Appeals will be heard by an independent panel.

Additional Information Forms are available from the School Office or the Local Authority. Details of the Parish of St Laurence Church, Northfield are available from the School Office.
St Laurence Church Junior School
Additional Information Form
September 2018

I would like my child to be considered for a place at St Laurence Church Junior School under category

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SURNAME OF CHILD ________________________________ FIRST NAME __________________

OTHER NAME(S) ________________________________ MALE/FEMALE __________________

DATE OF BIRTH ________________________________ RELIGION __________________

PRESENT ADDRESS ________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________ POST CODE __________________

HOME TELEPHONE NO ________________________ DAYTIME TELEPHONE NO _______________

FULL NAMES OF PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS:

MOTHER ______________________________ (Mrs/Miss/Ms) FATHER _________________________

PLACE OF WORSHIP YOU ATTEND __________________________________________________

PREVIOUS SCHOOL _________________________________________________________________

NB This is an additional information form and is not an application for a place at this school. Applications can only be made via the Local Authority’s preference form which will be forwarded directly to you.

Please return to:

St Laurence Church Junior School, Bunbury Road, Northfield, Birmingham B31 2DJ

Date: ___________________________